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SUBJ: UNITED FRONT CAMPAIGN: OLD GENERALS ARE WELCOME

1. AS PART OF THE STEP-UP IN UNITED FRONT WORK DIRECTED
AT TAIWAN, NCNA MARCH 11 PRINTED AN INTERVIEW WITH FORMER
KMT GENERAL HUANG WEI, WHO WAS TAKEN PRISONER IN 1948 AFTER
THE HUAI-HAI BATTLE AND AMNESTIED IN 1975. HUANG WAS ELECTED
TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE FIFTH CHINESE PEOPLE'S
POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE (CPPCC) EARLIER THIS MONTH.

2. IN THE INTERVIEW, HUANG POINTS OUT THAT HE WAS FORMERLY
A "WAR CRIMINAL" WHO HAD USED POISON GAS AGAINST THE RED
ARMY DURING THE 1930'S ENCIRCLEMENT CAMPAIGNS. IF SOMEONE
LIKE HIM CAN RECEIVE "FAVORABLE TREATMENT" AT THE
HANDS OF THE COMMUNISTS, SO WILL FUTURE DEFECTORS FROM
TAIWAN. "MILITARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL IN AND
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SERVICE FOR ITS REUNIFICATION WILL SURELY BE WELCOME."
HE ALSO EXPRESSES THE CONVICTION THAT REUNIFICATION WITH
TAIWAN IS "NOT FAR OFF," SINCE THE PRC IS GROWING "IN
STABILITY, UNITY AND PROSPERITY" WHILE "THE CRISIS OF THE
CHIANG CLIQUE'S REACTIONARY RULE KEEPS GETTING WORSE."

3. COMMENT: WE DOUBT THAT PROPAGANDA LIKE THIS WILL

HAVE MUCH EFFECT ON TAIWAN. IT IS INTERESTING, HOWEVER, AS AN
EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF UNITED FRONT EFFORT NOW BEING PURSUED. IT
IS ALSO INTERESTING FOR THE HINT IT PROVIDES THAT PEKING LEADERS
MAY BE COUNTING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROSPERITY IN THE PRC TO
GRADUALLY BREAK DOWN SOME OF THE TAIWANESE RESISTANCE TO
REUNIFICATION.
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